

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1, 3-7, 11-20, 22-25, 31-41, 49-55 and 59-68 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 20, 49, 61, 64 and 67 are independent. Claims 57-58 have been canceled.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicates that claims 1, 3-7, 11-20, 22-25, 31-41, 49-55 and 59-68 are allowed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 57-58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Moore (U.S. Patent No. 6,587,082).

Without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's rejections and to expedite prosecution, claims 57-58 have been canceled. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

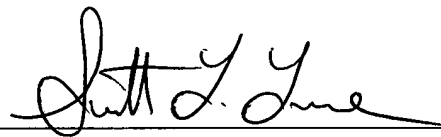
It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Scott L. Lowe (Reg. No. 41,458) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1602 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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